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The Rural Electrification Administration today announced allotments totaling \$1,513,000 for 19 projects in 15 States.

This brings REA's total allotments to \$211,883,830 since it was created by Executive Order on May 11, 1935. Of this total, \$122,252,520 represents allotments during the current fiscal year.

This money is being used in 44 States by REA's 600 borrowers, most of them cooperatives, to construct more than 200,000 miles of rural electric power lines to serve farms previously without electricity. Approximately 225,000 consumers are already receiving service from REA-financed lines, and about 400,000 others will have service available when all the lines for which loans have been approved are fully developed according to present plans.

During REA's existence the percentage of American farms with electric service has doubled - from about one farm in 10 in 1935, to one in five in 1939.

In addition to financing power line construction, some of the REA loan funds are used to finance individual wiring and plumbing installations. In 26 instances REA has financed generating plants, and 18 of them are in operation. These plants are financed in areas where no wholesale power is available, or where it cannot be purchased at reasonable terms. In two cases REA has lent money for building cooperative refrigeration plants, containing cold-storage lockers in addition to equipment for processing farm products. The first of these plants is just going into operation.

Reports to REA indicate that the advent of power from the REA-financed lines during the past four years is having a profound effect upon rural living conditions and farm income. The president of a Georgia cooperative reported that "electric feed-grinders, silage cutters, and dairy appliances are showing the way from profitless cotton to profitable cattle raising and soil fertility." The books of one of the cooperative's members provide adequate backing for that statement; he found that during his first year using electricity his net income was increased by an amount equal to about 25 cents for each kilowatt-hour he used. A rancher in the Inland Empire of Washington reported a reduction of 25 percent in the loss of lambs after he installed non-shadow electric lighting. A Virginia farmer reported a \$40 saving in one season by brooding chicks electrically, and he said he got the best chicks he had ever raised.

Most of the places connected to REA lines are farms and rural homes. An important few of them are community centers and business places -- stores, alfalfa mills, creameries, churches, CCC camps, sausage factories, Grange halls, and -- most important of all -- schools. These installations are serving as powerful factors in the integration and rehabilitation of rural communities.

Details of today's allotments are attached.

FLORIDA 17 JACKSON

West Florida Cooperative Ass'n,
Graceville, Florida
(Claude H. Smith, Supt.)

\$194,000 to build about 262 miles of line to serve 712 members in Jackson, Washington, Calhoun and Holmes Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$100,000 to build 105 miles of line to serve 226 members and \$10,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

GEORGIA 35 WALTON

Walton Electric Membership Corp.,
Monroe, Georgia
(John L. Snow, Supt.)

\$20,000 to construct extensions to connect some 100 members on the project, which has previously been allotted \$377,000 to build 279 miles of line to serve 1,040 members in Walton, Rockdale, Oconee, Newton, Morgan, Gwinnett and Barrow Counties.

ILLINOIS 18 PIKE

Illinois Rural Electric Co.,
Winchester, Illinois
(H. G. Bryan, Supervisor)

\$100,000 to construct extensions to connect approximately 1,000 members to the existing lines of the project. The project previously has been allotted \$1,127,500 to build 958 miles of line to serve 3,314 members in Pike, Calhoun, Scott, Morgan, Jersey, Macoupin, Greene and Adams Counties, \$222,000 to construct a generating plant, and \$6,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

INDIANA 16 HENRY

Henry County REMC,
New Castle, Indiana
(Guy Clore, Supt.)

\$35,000 to complete the project and to defray certain expenses connected with the initial operations of the project which cannot be covered by the construction loan. The project previously has been allotted \$572,512.84 to build 553 miles of line to serve 1,796 members in Henry, Delaware, Madison, Hancock, Rush, Fayette, Wayne and Randolph Counties.

KENTUCKY 26 TODD

Pennyrile Rural Electric
Cooperative Corp.,
Elkton, Kentucky
(James T. Warren, Supt.)

\$163,000 to build about 165 miles of line to serve 533 members in Todd, Christian, Trigg, Logan and Simpson Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$217,000 to build 235 miles of line to serve 854 members, and \$15,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

MISSISSIPPI 39 JACKSON

Singing River Electric Power
Association,
Lucedale, Mississippi
(Ben M. DeShaze, President)

\$213,000 to build about 290 miles of line to serve 838 members in Jackson, Greene and George Counties.

NORTH CAROLINA 40 BRUNSWICK

Brunswick Electric Membership Corp.,
Shallotte, North Carolina
(C. P. Willetts, Pres.)

\$171,000 to build about 211 miles of line to serve 601 members in Brunswick and Columbus Counties.

SOUTH CAROLINA 19 LAURENS
(Cooperative being formed -
W. T. Bolt, Laurens, S. C.,
Attorney)

\$224,000 to build about 265 miles of line to serve 839 members in Laurens, Greenville, Spartanburg and Newberry Counties.

TEXAS 64 SAN AUGUSTINE
Deep East Texas Electric
Cooperative, Inc.,
San Augustine, Texas
(D. N. Beasley, Supt.)

\$157,000 to build about 181 miles of line to serve 652 members in San Augustine, Shelby, Panola, Sabine, Newton, Nacogdoches and Angeline Counties. The project previously has been allotted \$347,000 to build 393 miles of line to serve 1,260 members, and \$25,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

WISCONSIN 19 CHIPPEWA
Chippewa Valley Electric Coop.,
Cornell, Wisconsin
(R. L. Cleaves, Supt.)

\$151,000 to build about 170 miles of line to serve 410 members in Chippewa County. The project previously has been allotted \$182,500 to build 176 miles of line to serve 584 members, and \$5,000 to finance house wiring and plumbing installations.

(FOR WIRING)

The following allotments have been made to finance house-wiring and plumbing installations, to be re-lent by the borrowers to their individual members:

ALABAMA 20 BALDWIN
Baldwin County Electric
Membership Corp.,
Robertsdale, Alabama
(Carl L. Schlich, Jr., Supt.)

\$2,500. The project previously has been allotted \$265,000 to build 289 miles of line to serve 976 members in Baldwin and Monroe Counties.

ARKANSAS 12 MILLER
Southwest Arkansas Electric
Cooperative Corp.,
Texarkana, Arkansas
(Calvin M. Hervey, Jr., Supt.)

\$7,000. The project previously has been allotted \$417,000 to build about 399 miles of line to serve 1,489 members in Miller, Howard, Lafayette, Columbia, Hempstead, Nevada, Polk and Sevier Counties, Arkansas, and Bowie County, Texas.

GEORGIA 67 BACON
Satilla Rural Electric Membership
Corp.,
Alma, Georgia
(Valene Bennett, Acting Supervisor)

\$25,000. The project previously has been allotted \$763,000 to build about 819 miles of line to serve 3,059 members in Bacon, Appling, Jeff Davis, Coffee, Pierce, Ware, Wayne and Atkinson Counties, and \$50,000 for wiring.

GEORGIA 70 MITCHELL
Mitchell County Electric Membership
Corp.,
Camilla, Georgia
(Nathan M. Keadle, Supt.)

\$20,000. The project previously has been allotted \$387,000 to build 436 miles of line to serve 1,383 members in Mitchell, Worth, Dougherty, Decatur, Turner, Calhoun and Randolph Counties, \$25,000 for construction of a cold-storage plant, and \$56,000 for wiring.

GEORGIA 78 HABERSHAM

Habersham Electric Membership
Corporation,
Clarkesville, Georgia
(E. A. Lunceford, Supt.)

\$8,000. The project previously has been allotted \$183,000 to build 185 miles of line to serve 574 members in Habersham, Hall, Rabun and White Counties.

IOWA 23 CRAWFORD

South Crawford Rural Electric
Cooperative,
Manning, Iowa
(Harry W. Frank, Supt.)

\$2,500. The project previously has been allotted \$291,500 to build about 273 miles of line to serve 640 members in Crawford, Shelby, Carroll and Sac Counties.

IOWA 60 DICKINSON-EMMET

D.E.K. Rural Electric Cooperative,
Estherville, Iowa
(Harry Day, Acting Superintendent)

\$5,000. The project previously has been allotted \$431,000 to build 417 miles of line to serve 991 members in Emmet, Dickinson, Kossuth, Clay, Palo Alto and Winnebago Counties.

LOUISIANA 15 POINTE-COUPÉE

Pointe Coupee Electric Membership
Corporation,
New Roads, Louisiana
(Norman H. Montgomery, Supt.)

\$10,000. The project previously has been allotted \$124,000 to build 121 miles of line to serve 225 members in Pointe Coupee Parish.

MISSOURI 43 LACLEDE

Laclede Electric Cooperative,
Lebanon, Missouri
(Hugh Corry, President)

\$5,000. The project previously has been allotted \$158,000 to build 152 miles of line to serve 461 members in Laclede, Dallas, Pulaski, Camden and Wright Counties.